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COUNTRY <u>Czechoslovakia</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>1. Troops and Military Installations in Chomutov</u>		25X1
<u>2. Czech Border Guard Troops in the Area North and Northwest of Chomutov</u>		
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1. Prior to the fall of 1953, several Czech infantry companies were observed in the undamaged Masaryk Barracks at the southeast corner of the former market place in the center of Chomutov (N 51/F 02). The units observed usually marched on foot and were only seldom seen in trucks. No heavy weapons other than normal infantry weapons and no armored vehicles were observed. The training ground of the troops who were on active service was located on the east side of the road to Krasna Lipa (N 51/K 92), northwest of the city. The troops also held several days' exercises in the Erzgebirge (mountains). In summer, the units were usually rotated for a period of three months to summer camps near Karlovy Vary. ¹
2. Prior to September of 1953, the Stefanik Barracks in the northwestern sector of the city about 300 meters southeast of the Chomutov Zastavka railroad station was also occupied to capacity by infantrymen. The installation had two large barracks with side wings. Some of the soldiers, who were on active service, wore red service color. Elements of the unit were occasionally taken in trucks toward the Erzgebirge for training. These troops also had only light infantry weapons including numerous submachine guns. ¹
3. Garages were installed in the cantonment of eight large hutments north of the city and about 800 meters north of the Chomutov railroad station. Except for a guard detail no soldiers were observed there. An estimated 30 or more trucks, on which soldiers usually did maintenance work, were available at this installation. No heavy weapons and no other special equipment were observed. The guards wore Czech army uniforms. ¹
4. The troops stationed at the barracks installations in the city provided guard details for the so-called Eidlitz Busch area in the eastern sector of the city, 1 kilometer east of the town of Michanice. The station ammunition depot had been located there previously.
5. In the fall of 1953, the recruiting district headquarters (OVV) was located in a villa on Prager Strasse. Registrations were held in the gymnasium. In the fall of 1953, members of the 1932 class and portions of the 1933 class were inducted in Chomutov. The rest of the 1933 class was scheduled to be inducted in the spring of 1954. The 1934 class had been registered as early as 1953. Germans of the 1928 and 1929 classes were also inducted. The usual term of service was two years.

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A new law prescribed that special troops had to serve three years and airmen four years. ²

5. In 1952, an office of the border guard troops (PS) was established in Hora Sv. Sebastiana (N 51/K 92). Only a customs agency had been located there previously. The soldiers of the border guard unit wore army uniform with green service color. Other offices of the border guard troops were located in Jirkov (N 51/F 02) and Kálek (N 51/K 93). In the Kálek area several hutments were constructed and a watchtower was erected immediately on the border. In the summer of 1953, other hutments were constructed on the border near the village of Kuchnhaide, East Germany (N 51/K 83). ³

1. ☐ Comment. The present information disagrees with various previous reports which indicated that Chomutov was occupied by artillery units after the 9th Inf Regt moved to Cheb in November 1950. 25X1
2. ☐ Comment. The present information generally agrees with the statements of other refugees. 25X1
3. ☐ Comment. It is still undetermined whether the PS units observed belong to the Brigade at Karlovy Vary or at Decin. 25X1

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